REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 19-28 are active in the present application. The Claims are amended for

clarity and are drawn to non-elected subject matter from the parent. Support for these claims

is found in Claims 1-18 and the specification as originally filed. No new matter is added by

these amendments.

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The specification is amended to insert reference to the earlier application from which

the present application claims priority. In addition, a substitute Sequence Listing is also

provided herewith.

The paper copy of the Sequence Listing in this application is identical to the computer

readable Sequence Listing filed in 09/132,528, filed August 11, 1998. In accordance with 37

CFR § 1.821 (e), please use the last filed computer readable form filed in that application as

the computer readable form for the instant application. It is understood that the Patent and

Trademark Office will make the necessary change in application number and filing date for

the instant application. A paper copy of the Sequence Listing is attached herewith.

An action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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